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1. "NOT FULL COOPERATION" WAS THE TERMINOLOGY USED
BY DE SCHOUTEETE IN HIS MEETING WITH US. WE HAVE GONE
BACK INFORMALLY TO THE BELGIAN MFA PRESIDENCY OFFICE
TO GET CLARIFICATION AND WERE TOLD BY WILLEMS THAT THE
PHRASE REFERRED TO THE "UNDERSTANDABLE" ATTITUDE OF
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THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NON-EC NATO COUNTRIES TOWARDS
THE QUESTION OF EC REPRESENTATION AT THE BELGRADE
PLENARY MEETING IN OCTOBER. WILLEMS CHARACTERIZED THAT
ATTITUDE AS "PATIENCE" TOWARDS AN ISSUE THAT WAS NOT REALLY
THEIR PROBLEM. HE SAID THAT SOME NEUTRAL AND NONALIGNED
COUNTRIES SHOWED MARKED "IMPATIENCE" IN BELGRADE WITH
THE NINE'S POSITION, AND CITED AUSTRIA AS A COUNTRY

ALWAYS COMPLAINING THAT THE NINE WERE "CAUSING A FUSS."

2. WILLEMS STRESSED THAT UNDER THE ROME TREATY, THE NINE WERE CERTAINLY COMPETENT TO BE REPRESENTED AT BELGRADE AS A COMMUNITY. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, AND PROBABLY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, WOULD LOOK AT THIS ISSUE AGAIN AFTER THE PREPARATORY MEETING IS OVER AND "DECIDE HOW STUBBORN WE WILL BE."

3. COMMENT: EC REPRESENTATION IS, OF COURSE, A PROBLEM AMONG THE NINE AS MUCH AS IT IS BETWEEN THE NINE AND OTHER BELGRADE PARTICIPANTS. AND, SOME EC MEMBERS, MOST LIKELY INCLUDING THE BRITISH, ARE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN OTHERS ABOUT PUSHING THE COMMUNITY PRESENCE ISSUE TO THE ULTIMATE. DE SCHOUTEETE'S COMMENT NO DOUBT BETRAYS THE WISH THAT THE U.S. WOULD THROW ITS WEIGHT BEHIND BELGIUM AND OTHER PROTAGONISTS OF A STRONG EC PRESENCE. CHAMBERS

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